

**1. What county do you live in?**

	Response Total	
Dallas	2	1.67%
Des Moines	1	0.83%
Madison	1	0.83%
Marion	1	0.83%
Polk	114	95.00%
Warren	1	0.83%
Total Respondents	120	0.83%
(skipped this question)	10	

**2. What community stakeholder group do you belong to? select the one that best describes your group:**

	Response Total	
County government	11	8.53%
City government	17	13.18%
Board of Supervisors	0	0.00%
educational institution	9	6.98%
health care provider	5	3.88%
faith based	3	2.33%
service organization	30	23.26%
public/private housing	7	5.43%
neighborhood association	20	15.50%
police	0	0.00%
judicial	0	0.00%
private business	4	3.10%
other	23	17.83%
Total Respondents	129	100.00%
(skipped this question)	1	

**3. Are there full-time living wage employment (\$15 per hour or higher) opportunities available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number of opportunities	74	64.91%
there are an excessive number of opportunities	1	0.88%
there are a sufficient number of opportunities	17	14.91%
there are not any opportunities	4	3.51%
unsure	18	15.79%
Total Respondents	114	100.00%
(skipped this question)	16	

**4. Why do you believe people have problems getting or keeping a full-time living wage job? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
jobs are not available	77	66.96%
language barriers	50	43.48%
lack of education	84	73.04%
physical or mental disabilities	52	45.22%
need better technical job skills	70	60.87%
transportation	77	66.96%
need better communication, people/customer job skills	68	59.13%
health issues	40	34.78%
substance abuse issues	51	44.35%
need child care	70	60.87%
other	18	15.65%
Total Respondents	115	na
(skipped this question)	15	

**5. Are child care programs (during the day, Monday through Friday) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	51	45.54%
there are an excessive number available	2	1.79%
there are a sufficient number available	20	17.86%
there are not any available	0	0.00%
unsure	39	34.82%
Total Respondents	112	100.00%
(skipped this question)	18	

**6. Are child care programs (evenings, nights, and weekends) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	63	56.25%
there are an excessive number available	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number available	4	3.57%
there are not any available	7	6.25%
unsure	38	33.93%
Total Respondents	112	100.00%
(skipped this question)	18	

**7. Are pre-school programs (including Head Start programs) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	47	41.96%
there are an excessive number available	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number available	31	27.68%
there are not any available	1	0.89%
unsure	33	29.46%
Total Respondents	112	100.00%
(skipped this question)	18	

**8. Are affordable child and youth (ages 5 to 17) activities or after school programs available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	62	55.86%
there are an excessive number available	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number available	20	18.02%
there are not any available	2	1.80%
unsure	27	24.32%
Total Respondents	111	100.00%
(skipped this question)	19	

9. In your community, in which areas do you believe youth (ages 12 to 17) need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
after school supervision	89	82.41%
learning disabilities	49	45.37%
finding employment	66	61.11%
substance abuse/tobacco	65	60.19%
school attendance	60	55.56%
behavior disorders	75	69.44%
gang participation	57	52.78%
teen parenting	63	58.33%
birth control	67	62.04%
tutoring	71	65.74%
obesity	63	58.33%
mental health	65	60.19%
affordable school/community activities	77	71.30%
mentoring/leadership/volunteering	84	77.78%
sexually transmitted diseases	55	50.93%
physical health and dental issues	57	52.78%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	108	na
(skipped this question)	22	

10. Are there adequate levels of non-medical emergency services available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	45	40.54%
NO	34	30.63%
unsure	32	28.83%
Total Respondents	111	100.00%
(skipped this question)	19	

11. Are there a sufficient number of emergency shelters available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	18	16.36%
NO	71	64.55%
unsure	21	19.09%
Total Respondents	110	100.00%
(skipped this question)	20	

12. Are there adequate levels of medical services available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	37	33.33%
NO	47	42.34%
unsure	27	24.32%
Total Respondents	111	100.00%
(skipped this question)	19	

13. Are there adequate levels of dental services available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	16	14.55%
NO	69	62.73%
unsure	25	22.73%
Total Respondents	110	100.00%
(skipped this question)	20	

14. Are there adequate levels of wellness (nutrition, exercise, etc.) programs available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	18	16.22%
NO	70	63.06%
unsure	23	20.72%
Total Respondents	111	100.00%
(skipped this question)	19	

15. Are there adequate levels of public transportation options (cabs, taxis, buses, trolleys, etc.) available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	36	32.43%
NO	70	63.06%
unsure	5	4.50%
Total Respondents	111	100.00%
(skipped this question)	19	

16. Are the homes in your community in good repair?

	Response Total	
most are	42	37.84%
some are	56	50.45%
few are	12	10.81%
none are	0	0.00%
unsure	1	0.90%
Total Respondents	111	100.00%
(skipped this question)	19	

17. Which of the following issues do you believe are the greatest challenges low-income families and individuals are currently facing? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
education	84	76.36%
job training	82	74.55%
housing	80	72.73%
budgeting	75	68.18%
parenting	59	53.64%
chronic illness	28	25.45%
child care	69	62.73%
teen pregnancy	35	31.82%
substance abuse	60	54.55%
transportation	75	68.18%
family violence	44	40.00%
energy/utility costs	65	59.09%
living wage employment	91	82.73%
family/child abuse	34	30.91%
language barriers	45	40.91%
health food selection	35	31.82%
special needs children	27	24.55%
financial literacy/planning	66	60.00%
mental health services	63	57.27%
medical care access	50	45.45%
dental care access	54	49.09%
health care costs	57	51.82%
credit card debt	40	36.36%
legal issues/services	42	38.18%
child support	43	39.09%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	110	na
(skipped this question)	20	

18. Which of the following areas do you believe low-income families and individuals need assistance with in order to achieve or maintain self-sufficiency? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
employment	95	87.96%
job training	93	86.11%
housing	70	64.81%
child care	69	63.89%
mental health	49	45.37%
literacy	47	43.52%
transportation	76	70.37%
legal issues/services	37	34.26%
substance abuse treatment	50	46.30%
financial literacy/planning	66	61.11%
energy/utility costs	53	49.07%
family planning	47	43.52%
medical care	44	40.74%
family/child abuse	27	25.00%
language barriers	47	43.52%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	108	na
(skipped this question)	22	

19. Which of the following areas do you believe the elderly (seniors) in your community need assistance with in order to remain in their home? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
housework	64	60.95%
managing medications	67	63.81%
financial assistance	59	56.19%
yard work/snow removal	85	80.95%
grocery shopping	58	55.24%
tax preparation/legal issues	37	35.24%
home repairs	94	89.52%
preparing meals	50	47.62%
access to transportation	75	71.43%
energy/utility cost	67	63.81%
laundry	40	38.10%
none apply	1	0.95%
Total Respondents	105	na
(skipped this question)	25	

20. Of the following, which of these do you believe low-income families and individuals need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance?

	YES		NO		unsure		Total
checking and savings accounts	88	85.44%	7	6.80%	8	7.77%	103
credit card debt	91	91.00%	3	3.00%	6	6.00%	100
credit repair	95	93.14%	2	1.96%	5	4.90%	102
payday loans	91	90.10%	7	6.93%	3	2.97%	101
car title loans (not a car purchase loan)	62	67.39%	12	13.04%	18	19.57%	92
budgeting or money management issues	97	95.10%	0	0.00%	5	4.90%	102
filing tax returns (EITC)	72	72.73%	15	15.15%	12	12.12%	99
obtaining loans	55	60.44%	16	17.58%	20	21.98%	91
property tax exemptions	60	63.83%	16	17.02%	18	19.15%	94
rent reimbursement claims	68	70.83%	14	14.58%	14	14.58%	96
home energy/utility cost issues	85	85.00%	7	7.00%	8	8.00%	100
landlord/tenant issues	86	86.87%	5	5.05%	8	8.08%	99
Total Respondents	na		na		na		105
(skipped this question)							25

**21a. How would you rate your relationship with the community action agency in your community?**

	Response Total	
1 one (poor)	5	4.76%
2 two	18	17.14%
3 three (fine)	14	13.33%
4 four	22	20.95%
5 five (excellent)	27	25.71%
no relationship	19	18.10%
Total Respondents	105	100.00%
(skipped this question)	25	

**21b. How well is the community action agency in your community meeting the needs of low-income families and individuals?**

	Response Total	
1 one (poor)	5	4.76%
2 two	13	12.38%
3 three (fine)	26	24.76%
4 four	29	27.62%
5 five (excellent)	9	8.57%
unsure	23	21.90%
Total Respondents	105	100.00%
(skipped this question)	25	

**22. What do you believe causes poverty?**

**23. What community improvement initiative would you like your community to address?**

**24. If you had \$1,000,000 to solve a community issue, what would you solve?**

**1. What county do you live in?**

	Response Total	
Black Hawk	2	1.35%
Buchanan	1	0.68%
Bulter	1	0.68%
Cerro Gordo	81	54.73%
Chickasaw	5	3.38%
Crawford	1	0.68%
Dubuque	1	0.68%
Floyd	12	8.11%
Franklin	4	2.70%
Hancock	4	2.70%
Keokuk	1	0.68%
Kossuth	4	2.70%
Mitchell	19	12.84%
Palo Alto	1	0.68%
Story	1	0.68%
Winnebago	6	4.05%
Worth	4	2.70%
Total Respondents	148	100.00%
(skipped this question)	13	

**2. What community stakeholder group do you belong to? select the one that best describes your group:**

	Response Total	
County government	21	13.13%
City government	5	3.13%
Board of Supervisors	2	1.25%
educational institution	21	13.13%
health care provider	20	12.50%
faith based	3	1.88%
service organization	26	16.25%
public/private housing	6	3.75%
neighborhood association	0	0.00%
police	5	3.13%
judicial	3	1.88%
private business	11	6.88%
other	37	23.13%
Total Respondents	160	100.00%
(skipped this question)	1	

**3. Are there full-time living wage employment (\$15 per hour or higher) opportunities available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number of opportunities	107	68.15%
there are an excessive number of opportunities	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number of opportunities	18	11.46%
there are not any opportunities	7	4.46%
unsure	25	15.92%
Total Respondents	157	100.00%
(skipped this question)	4	

**4. Why do you believe people have problems getting or keeping a full-time living wage job? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
jobs are not available	114	72.15%
language barriers	21	13.29%
lack of education	101	63.92%
physical or mental disabilities	52	32.91%
need better technical job skills	93	58.86%
transportation	73	46.20%
need better communication, people/customer job skills	80	50.63%
health issues	41	25.95%
substance abuse issues	85	53.80%
need child care	65	41.14%
other	21	13.29%
Total Respondents	158	na
(skipped this question)	3	

**5. Are child care programs (during the day, Monday through Friday) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	39	24.84%
there are an excessive number available	1	0.64%
there are a sufficient number available	71	45.22%
there are not any available	3	1.91%
unsure	43	27.39%
Total Respondents	157	100.00%
(skipped this question)	4	

**6. Are child care programs (evenings, nights, and weekends) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	71	45.22%
there are an excessive number available	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number available	11	7.01%
there are not any available	33	21.02%
unsure	42	26.75%
Total Respondents	157	100.00%
(skipped this question)	4	

**7. Are pre-school programs (including Head Start programs) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	32	20.51%
there are an excessive number available	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number available	99	63.46%
there are not any available	2	1.28%
unsure	23	14.74%
Total Respondents	156	100.00%
(skipped this question)	5	

**8. Are affordable child and youth (ages 5 to 17) activities or after school programs available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	77	50.99%
there are an excessive number available	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number available	47	31.13%
there are not any available	4	2.65%
unsure	23	15.23%
Total Respondents	151	100.00%
(skipped this question)	10	



9. In your community, in which areas do you believe youth (ages 12 to 17) need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
after school supervision	106	69.74%
learning disabilities	54	35.53%
finding employment	81	53.29%
substance abuse/tobacco	108	71.05%
school attendance	45	29.61%
behavior disorders	84	55.26%
gang participation	18	11.84%
teen parenting	56	36.84%
birth control	83	54.61%
tutoring	78	51.32%
obesity	82	53.95%
mental health	87	57.24%
affordable school/community activities	94	61.84%
mentoring/leadership/volunteering	102	67.11%
sexually transmitted diseases	57	37.50%
physical health and dental issues	62	40.79%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	152	na
(skipped this question)	9	

10. Are there adequate levels of non-medical emergency services available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	70	45.45%
NO	45	29.22%
unsure	39	25.32%
Total Respondents	154	100.00%
(skipped this question)	7	

11. Are there a sufficient number of emergency shelters available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	51	33.12%
NO	85	55.19%
unsure	18	11.69%
Total Respondents	154	100.00%
(skipped this question)	7	

12. Are there adequate levels of medical services available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	71	45.81%
NO	56	36.13%
unsure	28	18.06%
Total Respondents	155	100.00%
(skipped this question)	6	

13. Are there adequate levels of dental services available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	28	18.18%
NO	93	60.39%
unsure	33	21.43%
Total Respondents	154	100.00%
(skipped this question)	7	

**14. Are there adequate levels of wellness (nutrition, exercise, etc.) programs available for low-income people in your community?**

	Response Total	
YES	35	22.73%
NO	86	55.84%
unsure	33	21.43%
Total Respondents	154	100.00%
(skipped this question)	7	

**15. Are there adequate levels of public transportation options (cabs, taxis, buses, trolleys, etc.) available in your community?**

	Response Total	
YES	60	38.96%
NO	85	55.19%
unsure	9	5.84%
Total Respondents	154	100.00%
(skipped this question)	7	

**16. Are the homes in your community in good repair?**

	Response Total	
most are	65	42.21%
some are	81	52.60%
few are	7	4.55%
none are	0	0.00%
unsure	1	0.65%
Total Respondents	154	100.00%
(skipped this question)	7	

**17. Which of the following issues do you believe are the greatest challenges low-income families and individuals are currently facing? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
education	98	64.05%
job training	99	64.71%
housing	89	58.17%
budgeting	111	72.55%
parenting	110	71.90%
chronic illness	35	22.88%
child care	87	56.86%
teen pregnancy	36	23.53%
substance abuse	107	69.93%
transportation	87	56.86%
family violence	65	42.48%
energy/utility costs	87	56.86%
living wage employment	117	76.47%
family/child abuse	65	42.48%
language barriers	25	16.34%
health food selection	57	37.25%
special needs children	45	29.41%
financial literacy/planning	87	56.86%
mental health services	91	59.48%
medical care access	56	36.60%
dental care access	79	51.63%
health care costs	73	47.71%
credit card debt	51	33.33%
legal issues/services	49	32.03%
child support	38	24.84%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	153	na
(skipped this question)	8	

**18. Which of the following areas do you believe low-income families and individuals need assistance with in order to achieve or maintain self-sufficiency? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
employment	134	87.01%
job training	115	74.68%
housing	81	52.60%
child care	95	61.69%
mental health	79	51.30%
literacy	45	29.22%
transportation	90	58.44%
legal issues/services	39	25.32%
substance abuse treatment	83	53.90%
financial literacy/planning	94	61.04%
energy/utility costs	73	47.40%
family planning	61	39.61%
medical care	60	38.96%
family/child abuse	56	36.36%
language barriers	31	20.13%
none apply	1	0.65%
Total Respondents	154	na
(skipped this question)	7	

**19. Which of the following areas do you believe the elderly (seniors) in your community need assistance with in order to remain in their home? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
housework	103	68.21%
managing medications	125	82.78%
financial assistance	81	53.64%
yard work/snow removal	120	79.47%
grocery shopping	97	64.24%
tax preparation/legal issues	57	37.75%
home repairs	121	80.13%
preparing meals	89	58.94%
access to transportation	106	70.20%
energy/utility cost	98	64.90%
laundry	82	54.30%
none apply	2	1.32%
Total Respondents	151	na
(skipped this question)	10	

**20. Of the following, which of these do you believe low-income families and individuals need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance?**

	YES		NO		unsure		Total
checking and savings accounts	113	79.02%	8	5.59%	22	15.38%	143
credit card debt	119	82.07%	6	4.14%	20	13.79%	145
credit repair	113	78.47%	5	3.47%	26	18.06%	144
payday loans	102	72.34%	8	5.67%	31	21.99%	141
car title loans (not a car purchase loan)	56	43.08%	15	11.54%	59	45.38%	130
budgeting or money management issues	139	92.67%	3	2.00%	8	5.33%	150
filing tax returns (EITC)	81	61.36%	13	9.85%	38	28.79%	132
obtaining loans	75	55.56%	17	12.59%	43	31.85%	135
property tax exemptions	51	40.80%	22	17.60%	52	41.60%	125
rent reimbursement claims	87	65.91%	12	9.09%	33	25.00%	132
home energy/utility cost issues	124	85.52%	8	5.52%	13	8.97%	145
landlord/tenant issues	110	80.29%	9	6.57%	18	13.14%	137
Total Respondents		na		na		na	152
(skipped this question)							9

**21a. How would you rate your relationship with the community action agency in your community?**

	Response Total	
1 one (poor)	6	3.95%
2 two	14	9.21%
3 three (fine)	33	21.71%
4 four	30	19.74%
5 five (excellent)	54	35.53%
no relationship	15	9.87%
Total Respondents	152	100.00%
(skipped this question)	9	

**21b. How well is the community action agency in your community meeting the needs of low-income families and individuals?**

	Response Total	
1 one (poor)	5	3.29%
2 two	13	8.55%
3 three (fine)	34	22.37%
4 four	43	28.29%
5 five (excellent)	31	20.39%
unsure	26	17.11%
Total Respondents	152	100.00%
(skipped this question)	9	

**22. What do you believe causes poverty?**

**23. What community improvement initiative would you like your community to address?**

**24. If you had \$1,000,000 to solve a community issue, what would you solve?**

**1. What county do you live in?**

	Response Total	
Allamakee	41	14.04%
Black Hawk	2	0.68%
Bremer	10	3.42%
Butler	2	0.68%
Cerro Gordo	1	0.34%
Cherokee	1	0.34%
Chickasaw	83	28.42%
Clayton	35	11.99%
Delaware	2	0.68%
Dubuque	2	0.68%
Fayette	32	10.96%
Floyd	3	1.03%
Howard	22	7.53%
Jones	1	0.34%
Linn	1	0.34%
Scott	1	0.34%
Winneshiek	53	18.15%
Total Respondents	292	100.00%
(skipped this question)	17	

**2. What community stakeholder group do you belong to? select the one that best describes your group:**

	Response Total	
County government	19	6.27%
City government	27	8.91%
Board of Supervisors	2	0.66%
educational institution	28	9.24%
health care provider	56	18.48%
faith based	10	3.30%
service organization	66	21.78%
public/private housing	6	1.98%
neighborhood association	0	0.00%
police	0	0.00%
judicial	3	0.99%
private business	42	13.86%
other	44	14.52%
Total Respondents	303	100.00%
(skipped this question)	6	

**3. Are there full-time living wage employment (\$15 per hour or higher) opportunities available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number of opportunities	178	61.17%
there are an excessive number of opportunities	5	1.72%
there are a sufficient number of opportunities	38	13.06%
there are not any opportunities	19	6.53%
unsure	51	17.53%
Total Respondents	291	100.00%
(skipped this question)	18	

**4. Why do you believe people have problems getting or keeping a full-time living wage job? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
jobs are not available	182	63.41%
language barriers	52	18.12%
lack of education	167	58.19%
physical or mental disabilities	62	21.60%
need better technical job skills	161	56.10%
transportation	106	36.93%
need better communication, people/customer job skills	127	44.25%
health issues	50	17.42%
substance abuse issues	99	34.49%
need child care	95	33.10%
other	45	15.68%
Total Respondents	287	na
(skipped this question)	22	

**5. Are child care programs (during the day, Monday through Friday) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	76	26.30%
there are an excessive number available	2	0.69%
there are a sufficient number available	109	37.72%
there are not any available	11	3.81%
unsure	91	31.49%
Total Respondents	289	100.00%
(skipped this question)	20	

**6. Are child care programs (evenings, nights, and weekends) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	105	36.33%
there are an excessive number available	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number available	15	5.19%
there are not any available	52	17.99%
unsure	117	40.48%
Total Respondents	289	100.00%
(skipped this question)	20	

**7. Are pre-school programs (including Head Start programs) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	39	13.54%
there are an excessive number available	2	0.69%
there are a sufficient number available	186	64.58%
there are not any available	7	2.43%
unsure	54	18.75%
Total Respondents	288	100.00%
(skipped this question)	21	

**8. Are affordable child and youth (ages 5 to 17) activities or after school programs available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	118	41.70%
there are an excessive number available	2	0.71%
there are a sufficient number available	82	28.98%
there are not any available	22	7.77%
unsure	59	20.85%
Total Respondents	283	100.00%
(skipped this question)	26	

9. In your community, in which areas do you believe youth (ages 12 to 17) need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
after school supervision	156	55.32%
learning disabilities	73	25.89%
finding employment	139	49.29%
substance abuse/tobacco	173	61.35%
school attendance	80	28.37%
behavior disorders	138	48.94%
gang participation	25	8.87%
teen parenting	61	21.63%
birth control	142	50.35%
tutoring	129	45.74%
obesity	128	45.39%
mental health	126	44.68%
affordable school/community activities	164	58.16%
mentoring/leadership/volunteering	179	63.48%
sexually transmitted diseases	92	32.62%
physical health and dental issues	88	31.21%
none apply	2	0.71%
Total Respondents	282	na
(skipped this question)	27	

10. Are there adequate levels of non-medical emergency services available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	119	42.20%
NO	83	29.43%
unsure	80	28.37%
Total Respondents	282	100.00%
(skipped this question)	27	

11. Are there a sufficient number of emergency shelters available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	40	14.23%
NO	129	45.91%
unsure	112	39.86%
Total Respondents	281	100.00%
(skipped this question)	28	

12. Are there adequate levels of medical services available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	118	41.84%
NO	85	30.14%
unsure	79	28.01%
Total Respondents	282	100.00%
(skipped this question)	27	

13. Are there adequate levels of dental services available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	57	20.28%
NO	119	42.35%
unsure	105	37.37%
Total Respondents	281	100.00%
(skipped this question)	28	

14. Are there adequate levels of wellness (nutrition, exercise, etc.) programs available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	57	20.43%
NO	146	52.33%
unsure	76	27.24%
Total Respondents	279	100.00%
(skipped this question)	30	

15. Are there adequate levels of public transportation options (cabs, taxis, buses, trolleys, etc.) available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	60	21.43%
NO	199	71.07%
unsure	21	7.50%
Total Respondents	280	100.00%
(skipped this question)	29	

16. Are the homes in your community in good repair?

	Response Total	
most are	140	50.00%
some are	116	41.43%
few are	14	5.00%
none are	0	0.00%
unsure	10	3.57%
Total Respondents	280	100.00%
(skipped this question)	29	

17. Which of the following issues do you believe are the greatest challenges low-income families and individuals are currently facing? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
education	172	62.77%
job training	193	70.44%
housing	160	58.39%
budgeting	190	69.34%
parenting	179	65.33%
chronic illness	36	13.14%
child care	136	49.64%
teen pregnancy	57	20.80%
substance abuse	148	54.01%
transportation	133	48.54%
family violence	93	33.94%
energy/utility costs	143	52.19%
living wage employment	195	71.17%
family/child abuse	70	25.55%
language barriers	52	18.98%
health food selection	101	36.86%
special needs children	43	15.69%
financial literacy/planning	136	49.64%
mental health services	124	45.26%
medical care access	83	30.29%
dental care access	109	39.78%
health care costs	129	47.08%
credit card debt	93	33.94%
legal issues/services	69	25.18%
child support	67	24.45%
none apply	1	0.36%
Total Respondents	274	na
(skipped this question)	35	



**18. Which of the following areas do you believe low-income families and individuals need assistance with in order to achieve or maintain self-sufficiency? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
employment	236	86.13%
job training	221	80.66%
housing	129	47.08%
child care	157	57.30%
mental health	108	39.42%
literacy	91	33.21%
transportation	141	51.46%
legal issues/services	63	22.99%
substance abuse treatment	122	44.53%
financial literacy/planning	157	57.30%
energy/utility costs	124	45.26%
family planning	118	43.07%
medical care	99	36.13%
family/child abuse	74	27.01%
language barriers	46	16.79%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	274	na
(skipped this question)	35	

**19. Which of the following areas do you believe the elderly (seniors) in your community need assistance with in order to remain in their home? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
housework	192	71.38%
managing medications	202	75.09%
financial assistance	162	60.22%
yard work/snow removal	219	81.41%
grocery shopping	167	62.08%
tax preparation/legal issues	100	37.17%
home repairs	220	81.78%
preparing meals	164	60.97%
access to transportation	197	73.23%
energy/utility cost	177	65.80%
laundry	120	44.61%
none apply	7	2.60%
Total Respondents	269	na
(skipped this question)	40	

**20. Of the following, which of these do you believe low-income families and individuals need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance?**

	YES		NO		unsure		Total
checking and savings accounts	176	68.75%	22	8.59%	58	22.66%	256
credit card debt	195	77.08%	14	5.53%	44	17.39%	253
credit repair	185	73.71%	9	3.59%	57	22.71%	251
payday loans	128	53.11%	38	15.77%	75	31.12%	241
car title loans (not a car purchase loan)	106	46.09%	35	15.22%	89	38.70%	230
budgeting or money management issues	239	90.87%	3	1.14%	21	7.98%	263
filing tax returns (EITC)	137	58.30%	39	16.60%	59	25.11%	235
obtaining loans	121	51.93%	36	15.45%	76	32.62%	233
property tax exemptions	101	44.69%	39	17.26%	86	38.05%	226
rent reimbursement claims	129	54.66%	31	13.14%	76	32.20%	236
home energy/utility cost issues	204	81.60%	11	4.40%	35	14.00%	250
landlord/tenant issues	171	70.66%	18	7.44%	53	21.90%	242
Total Respondents	na		na		na		267
(skipped this question)							42

**21a. How would you rate your relationship with the community action agency in your community?**

	Response Total	
1 one (poor)	8	3.00%
2 two	24	8.99%
3 three (fine)	40	14.98%
4 four	61	22.85%
5 five (excellent)	81	30.34%
no relationship	53	19.85%
Total Respondents	267	100.00%
(skipped this question)	42	

**21b. How well is the community action agency in your community meeting the needs of low-income families and individuals?**

	Response Total	
1 one (poor)	6	2.26%
2 two	23	8.65%
3 three (fine)	56	21.05%
4 four	60	22.56%
5 five (excellent)	49	18.42%
unsure	72	27.07%
Total Respondents	266	100.00%
(skipped this question)	43	

**22. What do you believe causes poverty?**

**23. What community improvement initiative would you like your community to address?**

**24. If you had \$1,000,000 to solve a community issue, what would you solve?**

**1. What county do you live in?**

	Response Total	
Black Hawk	2	1.83%
Buchanan	1	0.92%
Delaware	5	4.59%
Dubuque	89	81.65%
Jackson	12	11.01%
Total Respondents	109	100.00%
(skipped this question)	6	

**2. What community stakeholder group do you belong to? select the one that best describes your group:**

	Response Total	
County government	3	2.63%
City government	45	39.47%
Board of Supervisors	1	0.88%
educational institution	12	10.53%
health care provider	6	5.26%
faith based	7	6.14%
service organization	15	13.16%
public/private housing	5	4.39%
neighborhood association	0	0.00%
police	2	1.75%
judicial	0	0.00%
private business	4	3.51%
other	14	12.28%
Total Respondents	114	100.00%
(skipped this question)	1	

**3. Are there full-time living wage employment (\$15 per hour or higher) opportunities available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number of opportunities	62	56.88%
there are an excessive number of opportunities	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number of opportunities	18	16.51%
there are not any opportunities	7	6.42%
unsure	22	20.18%
Total Respondents	109	100.00%
(skipped this question)	6	

**4. Why do you believe people have problems getting or keeping a full-time living wage job? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
jobs are not available	62	57.41%
language barriers	21	19.44%
lack of education	73	67.59%
physical or mental disabilities	32	29.63%
need better technical job skills	63	58.33%
transportation	50	46.30%
need better communication, people/customer job skills	53	49.07%
health issues	23	21.30%
substance abuse issues	39	36.11%
need child care	55	50.93%
other	9	8.33%
Total Respondents	108	na
(skipped this question)	7	

**5. Are child care programs (during the day, Monday through Friday) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	31	29.25%
there are an excessive number available	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number available	33	31.13%
there are not any available	4	3.77%
unsure	38	35.85%
Total Respondents	106	100.00%
(skipped this question)	9	

**6. Are child care programs (evenings, nights, and weekends) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	38	36.19%
there are an excessive number available	1	0.95%
there are a sufficient number available	4	3.81%
there are not any available	11	10.48%
unsure	51	48.57%
Total Respondents	105	100.00%
(skipped this question)	10	

**7. Are pre-school programs (including Head Start programs) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	17	16.19%
there are an excessive number available	2	1.90%
there are a sufficient number available	57	54.29%
there are not any available	6	5.71%
unsure	23	21.90%
Total Respondents	105	100.00%
(skipped this question)	10	

**8. Are affordable child and youth (ages 5 to 17) activities or after school programs available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	29	28.16%
there are an excessive number available	1	0.97%
there are a sufficient number available	45	43.69%
there are not any available	6	5.83%
unsure	22	21.36%
Total Respondents	103	100.00%
(skipped this question)	12	

9. In your community, in which areas do you believe youth (ages 12 to 17) need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
after school supervision	68	68.69%
learning disabilities	30	30.30%
finding employment	57	57.58%
substance abuse/tobacco	62	62.63%
school attendance	48	48.48%
behavior disorders	55	55.56%
gang participation	33	33.33%
teen parenting	44	44.44%
birth control	54	54.55%
tutoring	49	49.49%
obesity	52	52.53%
mental health	48	48.48%
affordable school/community activities	52	52.53%
mentoring/leadership/volunteering	67	67.68%
sexually transmitted diseases	34	34.34%
physical health and dental issues	37	37.37%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	99	na
(skipped this question)	16	

10. Are there adequate levels of non-medical emergency services available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	53	50.96%
NO	23	22.12%
unsure	28	26.92%
Total Respondents	104	100.00%
(skipped this question)	11	

11. Are there a sufficient number of emergency shelters available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	28	26.92%
NO	53	50.96%
unsure	23	22.12%
Total Respondents	104	100.00%
(skipped this question)	11	

12. Are there adequate levels of medical services available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	44	42.31%
NO	37	35.58%
unsure	23	22.12%
Total Respondents	104	100.00%
(skipped this question)	11	

13. Are there adequate levels of dental services available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	28	27.18%
NO	42	40.78%
unsure	33	32.04%
Total Respondents	103	100.00%
(skipped this question)	12	

**14. Are there adequate levels of wellness (nutrition, exercise, etc.) programs available for low-income people in your community?**

	Response Total	
YES	25	24.04%
NO	52	50.00%
unsure	27	25.96%
Total Respondents	104	100.00%
(skipped this question)	11	

**15. Are there adequate levels of public transportation options (cabs, taxis, buses, trolleys, etc.) available in your community?**

	Response Total	
YES	43	41.75%
NO	47	45.63%
unsure	13	12.62%
Total Respondents	103	100.00%
(skipped this question)	12	

**16. Are the homes in your community in good repair?**

	Response Total	
most are	64	62.75%
some are	32	31.37%
few are	3	2.94%
none are	0	0.00%
unsure	3	2.94%
Total Respondents	102	100.00%
(skipped this question)	13	

**17. Which of the following issues do you believe are the greatest challenges low-income families and individuals are currently facing? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
education	81	79.41%
job training	78	76.47%
housing	53	51.96%
budgeting	74	72.55%
parenting	64	62.75%
chronic illness	25	24.51%
child care	53	51.96%
teen pregnancy	29	28.43%
substance abuse	55	53.92%
transportation	53	51.96%
family violence	41	40.20%
energy/utility costs	42	41.18%
living wage employment	75	73.53%
family/child abuse	36	35.29%
language barriers	21	20.59%
health food selection	36	35.29%
special needs children	12	11.76%
financial literacy/planning	60	58.82%
mental health services	38	37.25%
medical care access	26	25.49%
dental care access	27	26.47%
health care costs	40	39.22%
credit card debt	39	38.24%
legal issues/services	27	26.47%
child support	20	19.61%
none apply	1	0.98%
Total Respondents	102	na
(skipped this question)	13	

**18. Which of the following areas do you believe low-income families and individuals need assistance with in order to achieve or maintain self-sufficiency? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
employment	90	89.11%
job training	88	87.13%
housing	48	47.52%
child care	61	60.40%
mental health	41	40.59%
literacy	42	41.58%
transportation	53	52.48%
legal issues/services	22	21.78%
substance abuse treatment	47	46.53%
financial literacy/planning	58	57.43%
energy/utility costs	38	37.62%
family planning	38	37.62%
medical care	35	34.65%
family/child abuse	26	25.74%
language barriers	21	20.79%
none apply	1	0.99%
Total Respondents	101	na
(skipped this question)	14	

**19. Which of the following areas do you believe the elderly (seniors) in your community need assistance with in order to remain in their home? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
housework	65	65.00%
managing medications	73	73.00%
financial assistance	48	48.00%
yard work/snow removal	90	90.00%
grocery shopping	64	64.00%
tax preparation/legal issues	36	36.00%
home repairs	85	85.00%
preparing meals	60	60.00%
access to transportation	60	60.00%
energy/utility cost	53	53.00%
laundry	44	44.00%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	100	na
(skipped this question)	15	

**20. Of the following, which of these do you believe low-income families and individuals need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance?**

	YES		NO		unsure		Total
checking and savings accounts	76	77.55%	9	9.18%	13	13.27%	98
credit card debt	83	83.00%	4	4.00%	13	13.00%	100
credit repair	79	82.29%	3	3.13%	14	14.58%	96
payday loans	68	73.12%	10	10.75%	15	16.13%	93
car title loans (not a car purchase loan)	56	60.87%	9	9.78%	27	29.35%	92
budgeting or money management issues	92	91.09%	2	1.98%	7	6.93%	101
filing tax returns (EITC)	54	58.06%	12	12.90%	27	29.03%	93
obtaining loans	58	63.74%	12	13.19%	21	23.08%	91
property tax exemptions	41	47.13%	18	20.69%	28	32.18%	87
rent reimbursement claims	53	58.24%	11	12.09%	27	29.67%	91
home energy/utility cost issues	79	81.44%	6	6.19%	12	12.37%	97
landlord/tenant issues	74	77.08%	9	9.38%	13	13.54%	96
Total Respondents	na		na		na		102
(skipped this question)							13

**21a. How would you rate your relationship with the community action agency in your community?**

Response Total		
1 one (poor)	1	0.98%
2 two	10	9.80%
3 three (fine)	26	25.49%
4 four	30	29.41%
5 five (excellent)	23	22.55%
no relationship	12	11.76%
Total Respondents	102	100.00%
(skipped this question)	13	

**21b. How well is the community action agency in your community meeting the needs of low-income families and individuals?**

Response Total		
1 one (poor)	1	0.99%
2 two	12	11.88%
3 three (fine)	26	25.74%
4 four	27	26.73%
5 five (excellent)	15	14.85%
unsure	20	19.80%
Total Respondents	101	100.00%
(skipped this question)	14	

**22. What do you believe causes poverty?**

**23. What community improvement initiative would you like your community to address?**

**24. If you had \$1,000,000 to solve a community issue, what would you solve?**



**1. What county do you live in?**

	Response Total	
Benton	1	1.02%
Black Hawk	71	72.45%
Bremer	2	2.04%
Buchanan	6	6.12%
Franklin	1	1.02%
Grundy	15	15.31%
Linn	2	2.04%
Total Respondents	98	100.00%
(skipped this question)	5	

**2. What community stakeholder group do you belong to? select the one that best describes your group:**

	Response Total	
County government	15	14.71%
City government	7	6.86%
Board of Supervisors	3	2.94%
educational institution	19	18.63%
health care provider	8	7.84%
faith based	14	13.73%
service organization	20	19.61%
public/private housing	1	0.98%
neighborhood association	0	0.00%
police	0	0.00%
judicial	0	0.00%
private business	4	3.92%
other	11	10.78%
Total Respondents	102	100.00%
(skipped this question)	1	

**3. Are there full-time living wage employment (\$15 per hour or higher) opportunities available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number of opportunities	58	59.79%
there are an excessive number of opportunities	1	1.03%
there are a sufficient number of opportunities	13	13.40%
there are not any opportunities	0	0.00%
unsure	25	25.77%
Total Respondents	97	100.00%
(skipped this question)	6	

**4. Why do you believe people have problems getting or keeping a full-time living wage job? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
jobs are not available	63	65.63%
language barriers	28	29.17%
lack of education	66	68.75%
physical or mental disabilities	33	34.38%
need better technical job skills	60	62.50%
transportation	60	62.50%
need better communication, people/customer job skills	38	39.58%
health issues	28	29.17%
substance abuse issues	45	46.88%
need child care	52	54.17%
other	14	14.58%
Total Respondents	96	na
(skipped this question)	7	

**5. Are child care programs (during the day, Monday through Friday) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	36	38.30%
there are an excessive number available	1	1.06%
there are a sufficient number available	34	36.17%
there are not any available	0	0.00%
unsure	23	24.47%
Total Respondents	94	100.00%
(skipped this question)	9	

**6. Are child care programs (evenings, nights, and weekends) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	58	61.70%
there are an excessive number available	1	1.06%
there are a sufficient number available	1	1.06%
there are not any available	7	7.45%
unsure	27	28.72%
Total Respondents	94	100.00%
(skipped this question)	9	

**7. Are pre-school programs (including Head Start programs) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	20	21.28%
there are an excessive number available	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number available	52	55.32%
there are not any available	0	0.00%
unsure	22	23.40%
Total Respondents	94	100.00%
(skipped this question)	9	

**8. Are affordable child and youth (ages 5 to 17) activities or after school programs available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	46	50.55%
there are an excessive number available	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number available	26	28.57%
there are not any available	1	1.10%
unsure	18	19.78%
Total Respondents	91	100.00%
(skipped this question)	12	

9. In your community, in which areas do you believe youth (ages 12 to 17) need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
after school supervision	73	78.49%
learning disabilities	24	25.81%
finding employment	53	56.99%
substance abuse/tobacco	60	64.52%
school attendance	51	54.84%
behavior disorders	49	52.69%
gang participation	42	45.16%
teen parenting	50	53.76%
birth control	48	51.61%
tutoring	49	52.69%
obesity	43	46.24%
mental health	48	51.61%
affordable school/community activities	65	69.89%
mentoring/leadership/volunteering	61	65.59%
sexually transmitted diseases	34	36.56%
physical health and dental issues	29	31.18%
none apply	1	1.08%
Total Respondents	93	na
(skipped this question)	10	

10. Are there adequate levels of non-medical emergency services available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	44	47.31%
NO	32	34.41%
unsure	17	18.28%
Total Respondents	93	100.00%
(skipped this question)	10	

11. Are there a sufficient number of emergency shelters available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	12	12.90%
NO	61	65.59%
unsure	20	21.51%
Total Respondents	93	100.00%
(skipped this question)	10	

12. Are there adequate levels of medical services available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	32	34.41%
NO	44	47.31%
unsure	17	18.28%
Total Respondents	93	100.00%
(skipped this question)	10	

13. Are there adequate levels of dental services available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	16	17.58%
NO	55	60.44%
unsure	20	21.98%
Total Respondents	91	100.00%
(skipped this question)	12	

14. Are there adequate levels of wellness (nutrition, exercise, etc.) programs available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	21	22.83%
NO	52	56.52%
unsure	19	20.65%
Total Respondents	92	100.00%
(skipped this question)	11	

15. Are there adequate levels of public transportation options (cabs, taxis, buses, trolleys, etc.) available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	21	22.58%
NO	61	65.59%
unsure	11	11.83%
Total Respondents	93	100.00%
(skipped this question)	10	

16. Are the homes in your community in good repair?

	Response Total	
most are	41	44.09%
some are	46	49.46%
few are	5	5.38%
none are	0	0.00%
unsure	1	1.08%
Total Respondents	93	100.00%
(skipped this question)	10	

17. Which of the following issues do you believe are the greatest challenges low-income families and individuals are currently facing? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
education	68	73.91%
job training	65	70.65%
housing	56	60.87%
budgeting	60	65.22%
parenting	53	57.61%
chronic illness	16	17.39%
child care	51	55.43%
teen pregnancy	23	25.00%
substance abuse	44	47.83%
transportation	53	57.61%
family violence	37	40.22%
energy/utility costs	38	41.30%
living wage employment	73	79.35%
family/child abuse	29	31.52%
language barriers	20	21.74%
health food selection	24	26.09%
special needs children	8	8.70%
financial literacy/planning	46	50.00%
mental health services	47	51.09%
medical care access	31	33.70%
dental care access	32	34.78%
health care costs	35	38.04%
credit card debt	31	33.70%
legal issues/services	30	32.61%
child support	17	18.48%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	92	na
(skipped this question)	11	

18. Which of the following areas do you believe low-income families and individuals need assistance with in order to achieve or maintain self-sufficiency? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
employment	81	88.04%
job training	75	81.52%
housing	49	53.26%
child care	49	53.26%
mental health	34	36.96%
literacy	29	31.52%
transportation	57	61.96%
legal issues/services	20	21.74%
substance abuse treatment	39	42.39%
financial literacy/planning	52	56.52%
energy/utility costs	37	40.22%
family planning	31	33.70%
medical care	29	31.52%
family/child abuse	23	25.00%
language barriers	22	23.91%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	92	na
(skipped this question)	11	

19. Which of the following areas do you believe the elderly (seniors) in your community need assistance with in order to remain in their home? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
housework	62	68.89%
managing medications	66	73.33%
financial assistance	50	55.56%
yard work/snow removal	68	75.56%
grocery shopping	46	51.11%
tax preparation/legal issues	29	32.22%
home repairs	73	81.11%
preparing meals	45	50.00%
access to transportation	59	65.56%
energy/utility cost	54	60.00%
laundry	38	42.22%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	90	na
(skipped this question)	13	

20. Of the following, which of these do you believe low-income families and individuals need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance?

	YES		NO		unsure		Total
checking and savings accounts	66	76.74%	7	8.14%	13	15.12%	86
credit card debt	75	86.21%	4	4.60%	8	9.20%	87
credit repair	72	84.71%	4	4.71%	9	10.59%	85
payday loans	67	81.71%	7	8.54%	8	9.76%	82
car title loans (not a car purchase loan)	51	63.75%	10	12.50%	19	23.75%	80
budgeting or money management issues	80	93.02%	2	2.33%	4	4.65%	86
filing tax returns (EITC)	58	73.42%	6	7.59%	15	18.99%	79
obtaining loans	49	64.47%	10	13.16%	17	22.37%	76
property tax exemptions	44	57.89%	10	13.16%	22	28.95%	76
rent reimbursement claims	54	69.23%	3	3.85%	21	26.92%	78
home energy/utility cost issues	72	88.89%	3	3.70%	6	7.41%	81
landlord/tenant issues	66	81.48%	3	3.70%	12	14.81%	81
Total Respondents	na		na		na		91
(skipped this question)							12

**21a. How would you rate your relationship with the community action agency in your community?**

Response Total		
1 one (poor)	3	3.33%
2 two	7	7.78%
3 three (fine)	26	28.89%
4 four	29	32.22%
5 five (excellent)	18	20.00%
no relationship	7	7.78%
Total Respondents	90	100.00%
(skipped this question)	13	

**21b. How well is the community action agency in your community meeting the needs of low-income families and individuals?**

Response Total		
1 one (poor)	1	1.10%
2 two	11	12.09%
3 three (fine)	27	29.67%
4 four	32	35.16%
5 five (excellent)	9	9.89%
unsure	11	12.09%
Total Respondents	91	100.00%
(skipped this question)	12	

**22. What do you believe causes poverty?**

**23. What community improvement initiative would you like your community to address?**

**24. If you had \$1,000,000 to solve a community issue, what would you solve?**

**1. What county do you live in?**

	Response Total	
Black Hawk	1	0.47%
Boone	30	14.22%
Dallas	1	0.47%
Des Moines	1	0.47%
Greene	3	1.42%
Jasper	20	9.48%
Madison	1	0.47%
Mahaska	1	0.47%
Marion	11	5.21%
Marshall	2	0.95%
Polk	85	40.28%
Scott	1	0.47%
Story	5	2.37%
Warren	49	23.22%
Total Respondents	211	100.00%
(skipped this question)	19	

**2. What community stakeholder group do you belong to? select the one that best describes your group:**

	Response Total	
County government	21	9.25%
City government	32	14.10%
Board of Supervisors	1	0.44%
educational institution	19	8.37%
health care provider	15	6.61%
faith based	12	5.29%
service organization	59	25.99%
public/private housing	7	3.08%
neighborhood association	5	2.20%
police	3	1.32%
judicial	1	0.44%
private business	16	7.05%
other	36	15.86%
Total Respondents	227	100.00%
(skipped this question)	3	

**3. Are there full-time living wage employment (\$15 per hour or higher) opportunities available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number of opportunities	134	62.33%
there are an excessive number of opportunities	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number of opportunities	25	11.63%
there are not any opportunities	12	5.58%
unsure	44	20.47%
Total Respondents	215	100.00%
(skipped this question)	15	

**4. Why do you believe people have problems getting or keeping a full-time living wage job? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
jobs are not available	153	70.83%
language barriers	46	21.30%
lack of education	132	61.11%
physical or mental disabilities	79	36.57%
need better technical job skills	111	51.39%
transportation	119	55.09%
need better communication, people/customer job skills	102	47.22%
health issues	58	26.85%
substance abuse issues	85	39.35%
need child care	102	47.22%
other	28	12.96%
Total Respondents	216	na
(skipped this question)	14	

**5. Are child care programs (during the day, Monday through Friday) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	91	44.61%
there are an excessive number available	3	1.47%
there are a sufficient number available	43	21.08%
there are not any available	9	4.41%
unsure	58	28.43%
Total Respondents	204	100.00%
(skipped this question)	26	

**6. Are child care programs (evenings, nights, and weekends) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	96	47.06%
there are an excessive number available	1	0.49%
there are a sufficient number available	8	3.92%
there are not any available	32	15.69%
unsure	67	32.84%
Total Respondents	204	100.00%
(skipped this question)	26	

**7. Are pre-school programs (including Head Start programs) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	72	35.12%
there are an excessive number available	5	2.44%
there are a sufficient number available	87	42.44%
there are not any available	4	1.95%
unsure	37	18.05%
Total Respondents	205	100.00%
(skipped this question)	25	

**8. Are affordable child and youth (ages 5 to 17) activities or after school programs available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	97	48.99%
there are an excessive number available	2	1.01%
there are a sufficient number available	46	23.23%
there are not any available	13	6.57%
unsure	40	20.20%
Total Respondents	198	100.00%
(skipped this question)	32	



9. In your community, in which areas do you believe youth (ages 12 to 17) need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
after school supervision	151	77.04%
learning disabilities	65	33.16%
finding employment	113	57.65%
substance abuse/tobacco	133	67.86%
school attendance	97	49.49%
behavior disorders	116	59.18%
gang participation	47	23.98%
teen parenting	94	47.96%
birth control	113	57.65%
tutoring	105	53.57%
obesity	105	53.57%
mental health	112	57.14%
affordable school/community activities	127	64.80%
mentoring/leadership/volunteering	135	68.88%
sexually transmitted diseases	83	42.35%
physical health and dental issues	81	41.33%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	196	na
(skipped this question)	34	

10. Are there adequate levels of non-medical emergency services available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	80	40.20%
NO	70	35.18%
unsure	49	24.62%
Total Respondents	199	100.00%
(skipped this question)	31	

11. Are there a sufficient number of emergency shelters available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	30	15.31%
NO	136	69.39%
unsure	30	15.31%
Total Respondents	196	100.00%
(skipped this question)	34	

12. Are there adequate levels of medical services available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	68	34.17%
NO	88	44.22%
unsure	43	21.61%
Total Respondents	199	100.00%
(skipped this question)	31	

13. Are there adequate levels of dental services available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	31	15.66%
NO	117	59.09%
unsure	50	25.25%
Total Respondents	198	100.00%
(skipped this question)	32	

14. Are there adequate levels of wellness (nutrition, exercise, etc.) programs available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	37	18.78%
NO	126	63.96%
unsure	34	17.26%
Total Respondents	197	100.00%
(skipped this question)	33	

15. Are there adequate levels of public transportation options (cabs, taxis, buses, trolleys, etc.) available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	61	31.12%
NO	125	63.78%
unsure	10	5.10%
Total Respondents	196	100.00%
(skipped this question)	34	

16. Are the homes in your community in good repair?

	Response Total	
most are	86	43.88%
some are	95	48.47%
few are	12	6.12%
none are	0	0.00%
unsure	3	1.53%
Total Respondents	196	100.00%
(skipped this question)	34	

17. Which of the following issues do you believe are the greatest challenges low-income families and individuals are currently facing? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
education	140	71.79%
job training	151	77.44%
housing	129	66.15%
budgeting	131	67.18%
parenting	114	58.46%
chronic illness	39	20.00%
child care	129	66.15%
teen pregnancy	62	31.79%
substance abuse	119	61.03%
transportation	121	62.05%
family violence	74	37.95%
energy/utility costs	116	59.49%
living wage employment	156	80.00%
family/child abuse	67	34.36%
language barriers	42	21.54%
health food selection	65	33.33%
special needs children	48	24.62%
financial literacy/planning	119	61.03%
mental health services	117	60.00%
medical care access	78	40.00%
dental care access	88	45.13%
health care costs	109	55.90%
credit card debt	76	38.97%
legal issues/services	62	31.79%
child support	70	35.90%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	195	na
(skipped this question)	35	

18. Which of the following areas do you believe low-income families and individuals need assistance with in order to achieve or maintain self-sufficiency? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
employment	175	90.21%
job training	155	79.90%
housing	122	62.89%
child care	123	63.40%
mental health	102	52.58%
literacy	76	39.18%
transportation	126	64.95%
legal issues/services	59	30.41%
substance abuse treatment	97	50.00%
financial literacy/planning	130	67.01%
energy/utility costs	99	51.03%
family planning	89	45.88%
medical care	86	44.33%
family/child abuse	64	32.99%
language barriers	45	23.20%
none apply	1	0.52%
Total Respondents	194	na
(skipped this question)	36	

19. Which of the following areas do you believe the elderly (seniors) in your community need assistance with in order to remain in their home? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
housework	113	59.47%
managing medications	135	71.05%
financial assistance	97	51.05%
yard work/snow removal	149	78.42%
grocery shopping	117	61.58%
tax preparation/legal issues	62	32.63%
home repairs	157	82.63%
preparing meals	103	54.21%
access to transportation	131	68.95%
energy/utility cost	115	60.53%
laundry	81	42.63%
none apply	5	2.63%
Total Respondents	190	na
(skipped this question)	40	

20. Of the following, which of these do you believe low-income families and individuals need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance?

	YES		NO		unsure		Total
checking and savings accounts	145	79.23%	18	9.84%	20	10.93%	183
credit card debt	148	81.32%	11	6.04%	23	12.64%	182
credit repair	154	83.70%	8	4.35%	22	11.96%	184
payday loans	137	75.27%	21	11.54%	24	13.19%	182
car title loans (not a car purchase loan)	96	58.18%	26	15.76%	43	26.06%	165
budgeting or money management issues	171	93.44%	3	1.64%	9	4.92%	183
filing tax returns (EITC)	115	66.09%	29	16.67%	30	17.24%	174
obtaining loans	86	53.42%	39	24.22%	36	22.36%	161
property tax exemptions	92	55.42%	39	23.49%	35	21.08%	166
rent reimbursement claims	114	66.67%	25	14.62%	32	18.71%	171
home energy/utility cost issues	151	83.89%	13	7.22%	16	8.89%	180
landlord/tenant issues	145	81.01%	8	4.47%	26	14.53%	179
Total Respondents	na		na		na		193
(skipped this question)							37

**21a. How would you rate your relationship with the community action agency in your community?**

	Response Total	
1 one (poor)	7	3.68%
2 two	22	11.58%
3 three (fine)	42	22.11%
4 four	45	23.68%
5 five (excellent)	37	19.47%
no relationship	37	19.47%
Total Respondents	190	100.00%
(skipped this question)	40	

**21b. How well is the community action agency in your community meeting the needs of low-income families and individuals?**

	Response Total	
1 one (poor)	8	4.23%
2 two	35	18.52%
3 three (fine)	43	22.75%
4 four	44	23.28%
5 five (excellent)	15	7.94%
unsure	44	23.28%
Total Respondents	189	100.00%
(skipped this question)	41	

**22. What do you believe causes poverty?**

**23. What community improvement initiative would you like your community to address?**

**24. If you had \$1,000,000 to solve a community issue, what would you solve?**

**1. What county do you live in?**

	Response Total	
Appanoose	1	3.23%
Clarke	4	12.90%
Decatur	10	32.26%
Jefferson	1	3.23%
Lucas	3	9.68%
Monroe	5	16.13%
Union	1	3.23%
Wayne	6	19.35%
Total Respondents	31	100.00%
(skipped this question)	4	

**2. What community stakeholder group do you belong to? select the one that best describes your group:**

	Response Total	
County government	6	17.65%
City government	1	2.94%
Board of Supervisors	5	14.71%
educational institution	9	26.47%
health care provider	4	11.76%
faith based	3	8.82%
service organization	2	5.88%
public/private housing	0	0.00%
neighborhood association	0	0.00%
police	2	5.88%
judicial	0	0.00%
private business	0	0.00%
other	2	5.88%
Total Respondents	34	100.00%
(skipped this question)	1	

**3. Are there full-time living wage employment (\$15 per hour or higher) opportunities available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number of opportunities	26	74.29%
there are an excessive number of opportunities	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number of opportunities	4	11.43%
there are not any opportunities	2	5.71%
unsure	3	8.57%
Total Respondents	35	100.00%
(skipped this question)	0	

**4. Why do you believe people have problems getting or keeping a full-time living wage job? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
jobs are not available	25	71.43%
language barriers	6	17.14%
lack of education	21	60.00%
physical or mental disabilities	11	31.43%
need better technical job skills	16	45.71%
transportation	15	42.86%
need better communication, people/customer job skills	15	42.86%
health issues	8	22.86%
substance abuse issues	14	40.00%
need child care	11	31.43%
other	3	8.57%
Total Respondents	35	na
(skipped this question)	0	

**5. Are child care programs (during the day, Monday through Friday) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	11	31.43%
there are an excessive number available	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number available	12	34.29%
there are not any available	1	2.86%
unsure	11	31.43%
Total Respondents	35	100.00%
(skipped this question)	0	

**6. Are child care programs (evenings, nights, and weekends) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	15	42.86%
there are an excessive number available	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number available	1	2.86%
there are not any available	8	22.86%
unsure	11	31.43%
Total Respondents	35	100.00%
(skipped this question)	0	

**7. Are pre-school programs (including Head Start programs) for low-income families available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	4	11.43%
there are an excessive number available	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number available	28	80.00%
there are not any available	0	0.00%
unsure	3	8.57%
Total Respondents	35	100.00%
(skipped this question)	0	

**8. Are affordable child and youth (ages 5 to 17) activities or after school programs available in your community?**

	Response Total	
there are an insufficient number available	13	39.39%
there are an excessive number available	0	0.00%
there are a sufficient number available	9	27.27%
there are not any available	4	12.12%
unsure	7	21.21%
Total Respondents	33	100.00%
(skipped this question)	2	

9. In your community, in which areas do you believe youth (ages 12 to 17) need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
after school supervision	16	48.48%
learning disabilities	11	33.33%
finding employment	15	45.45%
substance abuse/tobacco	21	63.64%
school attendance	9	27.27%
behavior disorders	21	63.64%
gang participation	0	0.00%
teen parenting	16	48.48%
birth control	13	39.39%
tutoring	15	45.45%
obesity	15	45.45%
mental health	19	57.58%
affordable school/community activities	18	54.55%
mentoring/leadership/volunteering	23	69.70%
sexually transmitted diseases	10	30.30%
physical health and dental issues	12	36.36%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	33	na
(skipped this question)	2	

10. Are there adequate levels of non-medical emergency services available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	14	40.00%
NO	14	40.00%
unsure	7	20.00%
Total Respondents	35	100.00%
(skipped this question)	0	

11. Are there a sufficient number of emergency shelters available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	3	8.82%
NO	24	70.59%
unsure	7	20.59%
Total Respondents	34	100.00%
(skipped this question)	1	

12. Are there adequate levels of medical services available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	13	37.14%
NO	12	34.29%
unsure	10	28.57%
Total Respondents	35	100.00%
(skipped this question)	0	

13. Are there adequate levels of dental services available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	9	25.71%
NO	17	48.57%
unsure	9	25.71%
Total Respondents	35	100.00%
(skipped this question)	0	

14. Are there adequate levels of wellness (nutrition, exercise, etc.) programs available for low-income people in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	8	22.86%
NO	15	42.86%
unsure	12	34.29%
Total Respondents	35	100.00%
(skipped this question)	0	

15. Are there adequate levels of public transportation options (cabs, taxis, buses, trolleys, etc.) available in your community?

	Response Total	
YES	8	22.86%
NO	24	68.57%
unsure	3	8.57%
Total Respondents	35	100.00%
(skipped this question)	0	

16. Are the homes in your community in good repair?

	Response Total	
most are	7	20.00%
some are	23	65.71%
few are	2	5.71%
none are	0	0.00%
unsure	3	8.57%
Total Respondents	35	100.00%
(skipped this question)	0	

17. Which of the following issues do you believe are the greatest challenges low-income families and individuals are currently facing? Select all that apply:

	Response Total	
education	23	67.65%
job training	22	64.71%
housing	24	70.59%
budgeting	23	67.65%
parenting	24	70.59%
chronic illness	7	20.59%
child care	15	44.12%
teen pregnancy	12	35.29%
substance abuse	23	67.65%
transportation	15	44.12%
family violence	12	35.29%
energy/utility costs	17	50.00%
living wage employment	25	73.53%
family/child abuse	11	32.35%
language barriers	5	14.71%
health food selection	11	32.35%
special needs children	11	32.35%
financial literacy/planning	18	52.94%
mental health services	18	52.94%
medical care access	12	35.29%
dental care access	15	44.12%
health care costs	16	47.06%
credit card debt	9	26.47%
legal issues/services	10	29.41%
child support	8	23.53%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	34	na
(skipped this question)	1	



**18. Which of the following areas do you believe low-income families and individuals need assistance with in order to achieve or maintain self-sufficiency? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
employment	28	82.35%
job training	28	82.35%
housing	19	55.88%
child care	16	47.06%
mental health	16	47.06%
literacy	10	29.41%
transportation	16	47.06%
legal issues/services	9	26.47%
substance abuse treatment	19	55.88%
financial literacy/planning	17	50.00%
energy/utility costs	15	44.12%
family planning	9	26.47%
medical care	11	32.35%
family/child abuse	8	23.53%
language barriers	4	11.76%
none apply	0	0.00%
Total Respondents	34	na
(skipped this question)	1	

**19. Which of the following areas do you believe the elderly (seniors) in your community need assistance with in order to remain in their home? Select all that apply:**

	Response Total	
housework	21	63.64%
managing medications	22	66.67%
financial assistance	18	54.55%
yard work/snow removal	24	72.73%
grocery shopping	25	75.76%
tax preparation/legal issues	14	42.42%
home repairs	25	75.76%
preparing meals	18	54.55%
access to transportation	26	78.79%
energy/utility cost	24	72.73%
laundry	10	30.30%
none apply	1	3.03%
Total Respondents	33	na
(skipped this question)	2	

**20. Of the following, which of these do you believe low-income families and individuals need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance?**

	YES		NO		unsure		Total
checking and savings accounts	25	78.13%	3	9.38%	4	12.50%	32
credit card debt	24	75.00%	1	3.13%	7	21.88%	32
credit repair	20	64.52%	1	3.23%	10	32.26%	31
payday loans	14	50.00%	3	10.71%	11	39.29%	28
car title loans (not a car purchase loan)	12	42.86%	3	10.71%	13	46.43%	28
budgeting or money management issues	28	87.50%	0	0.00%	4	12.50%	32
filing tax returns (EITC)	15	51.72%	5	17.24%	9	31.03%	29
obtaining loans	13	46.43%	4	14.29%	11	39.29%	28
property tax exemptions	15	55.56%	3	11.11%	9	33.33%	27
rent reimbursement claims	19	63.33%	3	10.00%	8	26.67%	30
home energy/utility cost issues	25	83.33%	2	6.67%	3	10.00%	30
landlord/tenant issues	24	77.42%	1	3.23%	6	19.35%	31
Total Respondents	na		na		na		33
(skipped this question)							2

**21a. How would you rate your relationship with the community action agency in your community?**

	Response Total	
1 one (poor)	0	0.00%
2 two	5	15.15%
3 three (fine)	16	48.48%
4 four	3	9.09%
5 five (excellent)	3	9.09%
no relationship	6	18.18%
Total Respondents	33	100.00%
(skipped this question)	2	

**21b. How well is the community action agency in your community meeting the needs of low-income families and individuals?**

	Response Total	
1 one (poor)	1	3.03%
2 two	4	12.12%
3 three (fine)	11	33.33%
4 four	6	18.18%
5 five (excellent)	0	0.00%
unsure	11	33.33%
Total Respondents	33	100.00%
(skipped this question)	2	

**22. What do you believe causes poverty?**

**23. What community improvement initiative would you like your community to address?**

**24. If you had \$1,000,000 to solve a community issue, what would you solve?**